



The message of God's Kingdom is offered to people of every race. However, only those who follow the path of Jesus will enjoy the reward of God's Kingdom.



These Sundays until the end of November give us glimpses of Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. Such glimpses offer us rich insight into the person of Jesus, his God, his mind and thinking, his values and preferences, his dreams for people and for all humanity. Isaiah paints a picture of hope today. It's a raising of the corner of the veil and offers us a symbolic glimpse of the huge hope for us that is in the heart of God despite the mess our world is in.

Various people approach Jesus in this Gospel and ask about the afterlife. Jesus came to preach the kingdom of God, which is not the same thing as the afterlife – heaven, the piece of real estate out there in space somewhere. In fact, he hadn't much to say about what many call heaven and hell. On the other hand, he had an awful lot to say about who he is, why he came on earth and what his kingdom is all about.

The kingdom of God is a spiritual reality, not a material kingdom or construct. It is something deeply personal between God and us his people. It is the web of personal encounter between God and all believers. It is not an institution, a church or an organisation, but the filament of personal relationships between God, Christ, humanity and all created things. All people, whether from east, west, north or south are invited "to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God."

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 66:18-21**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 116**

*R. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! [R]
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. [R]

**SECOND READING Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 13.22-30**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;



through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
 We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

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